

H. H. ROGERS MEEK ON WITNESS STAND

Tells Mr. Hadley He Knows
Little of Oil Operations
in Missouri.

HE MAY TESTIFY AGAIN
Crucial Question of Former Hearings
Answered by Attorneys in
Writing.

W. G. ROCKEFELLER WITNESS

Nephew of Head of Standard Oil Gives Lit-
tle Information—Seek John D.
Rockefeller.

of the sale of oil in Missouri, he answered that he was not familiar with the details. As to an alleged division of the State into territories for purposes of the oil trade by the Standard and the Waters-Pierce Company, thus eliminating competition, Mr. Rogers said he had no knowledge of such a state of affairs.

"Do you own any stock in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company or control any of the stock through others?" asked Mr. Hadley. "I do not," was the prompt reply, Mr. Rogers meaning that he personally had no interest in the company.

He said he "knew of" M. M. Van Beuren, who, Mr. Rogers admitted, is "said to be a son-in-law of John D. Archbold." Mr. Van Beuren, it was later admitted, holds in his own name for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey a controlling interest in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

SPRING SURPRISE.
"Is the business of the Standard Oil Company in Missouri conducted by a trade committee with offices at No. 36 Broadway?" asked Mr. Hadley. "Not to my knowledge," was the reply. Mr. Rogers adding that he has no personal connection with the business of selling oil in that State. He named D. A. Moffat as the president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and agreed to bring a complete list of the company's officers at the next hearing.

Mr. Hadley then read from the record the crucial question of the previous hearings, a test of which was made in the suburbs. In substance, it recited that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company, have operated in Missouri in restraint of trade and in violation of the State's antitrust laws.

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"Kindly let me have such knowledge as you have," said the Attorney General. Mr. Rogers was about to reply when Mr. Eddy, Chicago counsel for the Standard Oil Company, announced that admission to the hearing would be made that afternoon. Mr. Rogers, with a copy of the former testimony before him, carefully compared the original with the copy that made by the typewriter before he made reply, and then he contented himself with saying that his knowledge was extremely limited regarding such matters.

HADLEY IS PARTICULAR.
Practically at the dictation of Mr. Hadley, a formal statement was prepared by the oil company lawyers that "subject to the objection that the question of stock ownership is immaterial and irrelevant, it is admitted for the purpose of this case only" that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey now owns and has owned during the time specified in the complaint, in which the proceedings are based, from 1900 until last spring, the stock of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, and that the stock held in the name of M. M. Van Beuren—2,500 out of 4,000 shares of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company is held for the Standard of New Jersey.

Mr. Hadley was insistent upon the wording of the admission. Meanwhile Mr. Rogers for a half hour had been a passive spectator of the proceedings. His face showed no indication of satisfaction or the reverse at the turn the case had taken.

Only a few more questions were put to Mr. Rogers. He said he had no knowledge of reports made to No. 36 Broadway by the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Mr. Hadley excused him temporarily.

LOOKING FOR JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.
When William G. Rockefeller was called as a witness, Mr. Hadley remarked that it seemed hardly worth while to suggest that the taking of testimony by a typewriter be dispensed with, but he was met by a prompt acceptance of the suggestion on the part of Mr. Hadley.

Immediately there was a notable increase in the speed with which the examination was conducted.

Mr. Rockefeller said he had been assistant treasurer of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey since the last five years. W. H. Tilford is the treasurer of the company. He said he knew H. M. Tilford and R. H. McNair, but was unable to tell what their duties are. He has no connection, he said, with the Republic or with the Waters-Pierce oil business in Missouri.

"Who is president of the Standard Oil Company?" asked Mr. Hadley.

"I have always heard that my uncle was," replied Mr. Rockefeller with a smile. His father, he said, is a vice president, but he was not certain of the title of J. D. Rockefeller place with the company.

Mr. Rockefeller thanked Mr. Hadley for "letting him off so easy," to which the Attorney General replied that he was glad if Mr. Rockefeller felt that he had been "let off easily."

Mr. Hadley said he had been notified of the presence in New York of John D. Rockefeller and had instructed the process servers to be on the watch for him, but further than that he said he had no information as to Mr. Rockefeller's whereabouts.

MRS. OELRICHS LOSES SUIT.
Former Custodian of Fair Property Wins \$11,100 Back Pay.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Saturday.—Former Captain of Detectives John Seymour won his suit to-day against Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs and Mrs. W. H. Vandebilt. Seymour became the custodian of the property of the Fair heirs in 1902, at a salary of \$200 per month, and secured a ten year contract. After two years he was discharged, when he found employment with the Wells-Fargo Express Company, where he became chief of detectives. Judge Hubbard, in deciding the case to-day, figures that the full contract would have been worth \$2,200 from which he subtracts the amount actually received and the money had from the express company. The difference amount to \$11,100.

ARREST PEELER AND WIFE.
Detectives Find \$5,000 in Silks and Laces in Their Rooms.

Hyman Hyslowitz, forty-two years old, who said he was a pedler, and Geitel Hyslowitz, forty-one, his wife, were arrested in their rooms on the second floor of No. 31 Allen street yesterday and locked up at Police Headquarters as suspicious persons.

THE OPENING OF THE SPORTING SEASON.



The Man—Children, why don't you trot along to school?
One Child—See, the sparrows are having a fight!
The Man—So I do, and the big fellow is getting the worst of it!

Chinese Pirates Miss Big Booty

Standard Oil Launch Which They Captured Was to Have Carried \$20,000, but the Coin Was Transferred to a Freight Steamship.

HONG KONG, Saturday.—Details of the capture and looting by Chinese pirates on Thursday near Canton of a launch owned by the Standard Oil Company were obtained to-day. The launch, the Comet, was proceeding to Kungmun, between Wampoa and Canton, towing a lighter laden with kerosene oil.

While passing what is known as the "second barrier," or second line of former obstructions to navigation, and when in sight of Wampoa Port, one of the many islands lying between Canton and the sea, a number of junks manned by pirates closed around the Comet and her tow.

A "bulletproof" earthen jar containing gunpowder, resin and hand grenades was thrown into the launch's engine room and the pirates boarded the Comet and overpowered her crew. The pirates then beached the Comet and the lighter and removed all the valuables from the two vessels, including a number of Winchester rifles and a thousand pounds of ammunition. The cargo of kerosene was not touched.

The pirates, it appears, missed capturing much more valuable booty. It was the intention of the Standard Oil Company's officials to ship \$20,000 in specie on the Comet on her last trip, but the coin was transferred to a freight steamer.

The American consular officials are investigating the affair.

Kongmun, also written Kungkun and Kongmoon, is a treaty port situated three miles up a creek on the West River about seventy miles from Canton and eighty-seven miles from Hong Kong. It has about \$5,000 inhabitants and is in daily steam communication with Hong Kong.

Officials Pay
\$155,673

Treasurers of Hamilton County Give Up Gratuities They Received from Banks.

DETAILS OF FIGHT LACKING AWAIT DECISION OF COURTS

George Curry, Head of Turbulent Province, Thought They Had Right to Receive It for "Placing" Public Funds.

MANILA, P. I., Saturday.—A telegram received by the government to-day from the island of Samar says that engagement has occurred between the constabulary and force of fanatical Puljanas. Governor George Curry is reported to be missing. Details of the affair are lacking.

SAMAR GOVERNOR A ROUGH RIDER

HERALD BUREAU, No. 734 FIFTH STREET, N. Y.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.—Governor George Curry, of Samar Province, Philippines, who is said in a Manila dispatch this afternoon to be missing after a fight between United States troops and the Puljanas, is a former Rough Rider and a friend of President Roosevelt, the latter recommending him for a captain's commission at the beginning of the war.

Curry at the close of the war was appointed second lieutenant of volunteer cavalry and saw service in the Philippines up to the close of the insurrection. Then he was made Chief of Police in the city of Manila. He later resigned to be a Governor of some of the unorganized provinces. He first served in Isabela, and four years ago was transferred to Samar.

The latter has always been prominent as one of the trouble districts of the archipelago. Of volcanic origin, its shores are precipitous, while its interior is mountainous and difficult of travel. It was here that Major Waller, of the Marine Corps, had his perilous journey, and that General Jacob Smith, in desperation, issued his orders to kill every native more than ten years of age.

Life Underwriters
Hit Armstrong Bill

More than three hundred members of the Life Underwriters' Association of New York held a special meeting and luncheon in the Flatiron Restaurant yesterday. T. R. Pell presided.

William C. Johnson told of efforts to modify what he termed "the infamous section No. 88" of the Armstrong Committee bill, which provides for the limitation of the amounts to be paid as commission to agents when new policies are issued. He said he thought the measure would be modified in favor of the agents.

Charles Jerome Edwards, general agent of the Equitable, said:—"We have apparently brought the members of the Armstrong committee to a realizing sense of the injustice that would have been perpetrated in passing section 88 in its original form."

"Another matter in which this association may be very useful is in spreading the idea that our demands should be fair and square. I myself have probably done as many wicked things as any one here in the way of."

Hice the speaker paused, and, amid a burst of laughter, several members cried out:—"Don't tell them, Mr. Edwards, however, unlabeled with the words 'in the way of aggressive competition and hot fighting,' and he then concluded:—"The time has come to extend the hand of good fellowship to one another and when no agent is going to take an advantage of another."

"We want to make the life insurance business better than it now is and this association can aid greatly to that end."

B. Altman & Co.

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Lace Curtains, Materials for Sash and Vestibule Curtains, Window and Door Draperies of appropriate fabrics, for Town and Country Residences.

Window Shades made to order, also Furniture Slip Covers of Cotton Damasks, Plain and Striped Linens and Cretonnes.

(Department on Third Floor.)

ORIENTAL RUGS. Importations for the present season, containing rugs of desirable Persian makes, in select designs and colorings, suited to halls, libraries and dining rooms.

Fine Kirmanshah, Tebriz and Meshed Khorassan Rugs for drawing rooms, in effects which harmonize with more delicate color schemes. Turkish Carpets for chamber use or for the furnishing of country homes, and a very large assortment of Small Oriental Rugs at prices which are moderate.

(Department on Third Floor.)

STORAGE. Rugs and Draperies received for Storage with the usual guarantee for safe-keeping.

Important reductions have been made in the prices of a number of

DECORATIVE OBJECTS AND MANTEL ORNAMENTS,

among which are Electroliers, Lamps, Clocks and Clock Sets, Pedestals and Cabinets; Porcelains, Bronzes, Marble Busts and a selection of small ornamental pieces.

(Department on Third Floor.)

COSTUMES AND STREET GOWNS.

An inspection is invited of the Department for Women's Gowns (Second Floor), containing selections of

Spring and Summer Costumes, in styles adapted for morning and visiting wear, reception and conventional evening dress, golfing, driving and general service.

The designs include Gowns of silk and other fashionable fabrics, Tailor Suits, Separate Costumes and Walking Skirts.

TEA GOWNS AND NEGLIGES.

House Gowns of Embroidered Linons and Crepes, and a number of more elaborate models in All-Lace Garments, suitable for morning wear and afternoon teas. Bridge or Dinner Jackets, Matinees and House Robes of various character in an interesting diversity of designs.

A variety of styles for the approaching season are offered in HOSIERY FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Women's Silk Hosiery in plain, openwork and embroidered effects, and combinations of openwork and embroidery, including White Silk Hose, both plain and fancy. Orders received for Women's Silk Hosiery in shades to match costumes or slippers.

Fancy Lisle Thread and Cotton Hosiery, for men, women and children. Children's Half-hose, including white and delicate shades.

A SALE OF LACES for the trimming of Summer Gowns and All-overs especially suitable for the making of Lingerie

Blouses will be held beginning TUESDAY, March 27th.

embracing all-over designs in Embroidered Batiste, and Batiste and Lace Combinations; heretofore ranging in price from \$3.75 to \$6.50 per yard, at

\$1.85, 2.90 3.25 and 3.90 per yard.

Also an attractive line of Lace Edges, Insertions and Galloons, including Hand-made Crochet effects, originally 65c. to \$7.50,

at 38c. to \$3.75 per yard.

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WHITE AND BLACK DRESS MATERIAL,

including Embroidered Voiles in plaid, checked and striped effects, also plain striped and checked Voiles and Tailor Suitings.

On Monday, March 26th, there will be placed on sale 3,000 yards of Imported Check Suitings, white and black combinations, at the special price of 80c. per yard.

(Rear of Rotunda, First Floor.)

Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, New York.

Stern Brothers

Wraps, Coats & Outer Garments

Later Importations are now being shown, also a large variety of Domestic Garments for general wear, including many desirable mixtures for Travelling and Motoring.

To-morrow will be placed on sale

Cloth Paletots for Evening Wear	
In black, white, champagne and tan, trimmed with self-color braid.	Value \$39.50, \$27.50
Tourist Coats,	
In a variety of mixtures,	" 20.00, 14.50

Tailor-made Walking Suits

Large assortments of the very latest styles.

Also An Entirely New Model

of Voile, in desirable shades, Eton Coat handsomely trimmed with Satin, Moire and Braid, Collar and Cuffs of Embroidery and Lace, New full pleated Skirt, entire suit lined with taffeta.

Real Value \$65.00

Attention is directed to a great variety of

Ready-to-Wear Riding Habits

with Coats in Cutaway, Box or Short Fitted Models, also Separate Skirts.

MADE OF LINENS, CHEVIOTS, MIXTURES AND THE NEWEST SPRING MATERIALS.

Monday, a Sale of Very Desirable

Black Taffeta Silks

27 inches wide. Regular Price \$1.00 Yd., at	63c
And a Special Purchase of	
Peau de Cygne and Taffeta Silks, in a full assortment of colors,	at 55c

Colored Dress Goods

Complete lines of the latest French Materials which are being used by the Paris Dressmakers, comprising Sheer Light Weight Fancy Voiles, including checks and stripes, also for Tailor Gowns several exclusive designs in Gray and White and Black and White Checks and Mixtures, White Wool Serges, Panamas, Batistes and Plaid Effects in Mohairs.

Also a Special Offering of

2500 Yds. Chiffon Panamas,	
50 in. wide, in the newest shades & black. Value \$1.10 Yd.,	78c

Lace Departments

To-morrow, An Importation of

Edgings, Insertions and Galloons,

Consisting of Venise and Baby Irish Crochet Laces, Batiste and Lace Novelties, 3 to 6 inches wide,

at	\$1.45, 1.65, 1.85 and 2.25 yard.
Actual Value	\$1.95 to 4.50

A Collection of High Class Robes

Including Linen and Bruges	
Lace Combinations, Regular Price \$32.50, at	\$24.50
Lierre	
Lace Robes, at	\$29.00, 47.50
Regular Prices	\$39.50 to 65.00.

Lace Curtains, Stores & Bed Sets

Special Sale at Greatly Reduced Prices.

IRISH POINT CURTAINS, Pair	\$3.95, 5.75, 6.50
RENAISSANCE CURTAINS, "	5.50, 7.50, 10.50
Were	\$7.50 to 14.50 Pair

LACE STORES, Each,	\$4.25, 4.95, 9.75
Were	\$6.50 to 15.75 Each

FRENCH LACET ARAPE CURTAINS, Pair	\$14.50, 18.50
Were	\$18.50 and 23.50 Pair

Misses' & Girls' Apparel

Unusual Values for Monday

Misses' Tailor-made Suits, of Chiffon Broadcloth, in Black, Navy, Grey, Light Blue, Reseda and Coral; 14 and 16 yrs., \$22.50

Girls' Three Quarter Reefers, of fine Cheviots and Covert Cloths, lined throughout with Satin, notch collars, 4 to 14 yrs., 7.95

Girls' Dresses, Three Box Plaits, Russian Style, of Cheviots and Shepherd Checks, 4 to 12 yrs., 5.50

Girls' Wash Dresses, Russian Model, with collar of fine embroidery and separate shield of white, tan and blue, 4.95

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8 ft. 3x11 ft. 3,	\$92.00	Formerly \$135.00
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10 ft. 9x13 ft. 9,	140.00	" 225.00

TURKISH CARPETS, in light colors appropriate for furnishing Summer Homes, average size as follows:—

9 ft. x12 ft.,	\$55.00	Formerly \$90.00
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10 ft. x13 ft. 6,	70.00	" 125.00

West Twenty-third Street.